8th September 1928]

Report by the Industries Department on making block-glass in Kurnool district.

* 277 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 14 of his report regarding Kurnool district that a previous detailed investigation on the subject of manufacturing block-glass was specially conducted by the Industries Department which resulted in a finding that it was past redemption, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to lay on the table of this House the report that was prepared at the time by the Industries Department on the question?

A.—The report of the Director of Industries with the Government Order thereon No. 1672, Development, dated 29th September 1924 [a], which was made available to the public is now placed on the table of the House.

State aid to manufacture of bangles at Dhone.

* 278 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 14 of his report regarding Kurnool district that the manufacturer of bangles at Dhone is prepared to start making block-glass if facilities are given him to obtain cheap fuel—

(a) whether the Government propose further to investigate into the chances of developing the manufacture of block-glass in the Kurnool district at Dhone or thereabouts; and

(b) what assistance they have proposed to give to the one manufacturer who is likely to take it up in earnest?

A.—(a) In view of the results of the investigation published in 1924, the Government have at present no intention of taking up any further investigation; but the question will be further considered if the ceramic survey, proposals for conducting which are under consideration, leads to the discovery of suitable raw materials nearer home wherewith block-glass could be manufactured locally. In the meantime enquiries are being made to find out whether glass blocks could be obtained from any existing central factory, e.g., in the United Provinces, for distribution to local workers in bangles.

(b) The Government do not consider that anything can be done at present for this manufacturer.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know who has been deputed for making a survey of bangles? Is there any suitable man at present to do that work?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"No such proposal has yet been made."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"With reference to paragraph 8 of the Appendix and the remark about the extreme conservatism of the workers and their lack of education, may I know whether any attempt was made to get these men together and work it?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 571–575 infra.